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LETTER DATED 10 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of further violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for the purposes of observation and provocation between 3 and 8 December 1992.

3-4 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

4-5 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah and Shatrah.

5-6 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi and Shatrah.

(c) A United States TR-1 aircraft engaged in hostile aerial reconnaissance of the southern region from an altitude of 20,000 metres, entering Iraqi airspace at 1135 hours on 6 December 1992 and leaving at 1430 hours.

(d) At 1145 hours on 6 December 1992, two United States aircraft dropped heat flares on the main road between Mosul and Irbil.

6-7 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Khidr, Artawi and Busayyah.

7-8 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Shatrah, Mu'ayanah and Salman.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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